

drawing for seats took place. It may have been John Allen, of Mississippi, who has returned to Washington wearing a rakish slouch hat and a black beard which make him look like the "black avenger of the Spanish main" and disguise him so completely that his nearest friends require an introduction to him—it might have been he who suggested that this lottery scheme was a plain, palpable violation of the Anti-Lottery law, but there are no blamés—although Governor Dingley is inclined to think there are, for he failed to draw any seat; a mistake which a South-western Representative explained by saying: "Oh, Dingley is opposed to games of chance; and I don't believe he knows how to play any of them—even old sledge."

WAS THERE A WAY TO BEAT THE LOTTERY?

There was a shrewd suspicion to-day that some of the members—and those were not all old members either—had discovered a way "to beat" the lottery game, and thereby secured choice seats which they might not have obtained otherwise. The usual privilege of selecting their seats in advance of the other members was granted to ex-Speaker Reed and the two Representatives who have served in at least fourteen Congresses—Messrs. O'Neill, of Pennsylvania, and Holman, of Indiana. Mr. Reed chose the seat which was occupied by General Garfield for many years; Mr. O'Neill took the one directly in front of it, where Judge Kelley sat during the sessions of many consecutive Congresses, and Judge Holman selected the one which was occupied for a long time by S. S. Cox. The first man to draw a prize was Mr. Wheeler, of Michigan, a new member, who chose the seat immediately behind Holman. The second choice was drawn by "Dan" Lockwood, of Buffalo, who planted himself in the seat which was held by Samuel J. Randall during the last eleven years of his long service in Congress. Colonel Mills' old seat was taken by Mr. Covert, of New-York, who drew the sixth prize, and the Sage of Corsica obtained a less desirable one, far in the rear, where he had the congenial company of the Breckinridges, Ryman, Williams and Hoar, of Massachusetts, and other friends and admirers.

Henry Cabot Lodge seated himself beside Mr. Reed, at whose other side across the narrow aisle sat burly Bourke Cockran, who sought good company, and placed himself as near as he could to the leader of the Republican minority. A number of prominent Republicans succeeded in obtaining seats near one another and far from their leader, among them being Henderson, of Iowa, Burrows, of O'Donnell, of Michigan, Dingley, of Pennsylvania, Hitt, of Illinois, and several others. Other prominent members on both sides were driven to "Holston's choice." Halvorsen, of Minnesota, was the first Alliance man to draw a prize, and he chose one of the best seats in the center, where he was joined, later, by a majority of the other members of his party in the House, including McKeligan, of Nebraska, and Baker, Simpson and Davis, of Kansas. Mr. Davis will make his mark, no doubt. In the autobiographical sketch which he furnished to the compiler of "The Congressional Record," he describes himself as an "able and fearless writer on economic subjects."

HOW THE DAY'S WORK BEGAN.

At the hour of noon Clerk McPherson called the House to order and the Journal of yesterday's proceedings was read. The Clerk then announced that he was ready to receive any motion.

Mr. Holman, of Indiana, moved that the House proceed to the election of Speaker. Agreed to. The Chairman placed in nomination Charles F. Crisp, of Georgia.

Mr. Henderson, of Illinois, placed in nomination Thomas B. Reed, of Arkansas, in the Republican side.

Mr. Simpson, of Kansas, placed in nomination Thomas C. Watson, of Georgia.

Messrs. Outwater, of Ohio, and Henderson, of Illinois; Outwater, of Alabama, and Simpson, of Kansas, were committed to the minority.

The roll was then called with the following result: For Crisp, 228; for Reed, 83; for Watson, 8. Messrs. Mills and Springer were heartily applauded when, in response to the call of their names, they returned to the floor.

The Clerk, having announced the result, declared Mr. Crisp duly elected Speaker, amid applause. The Clerk then appointed Messrs. Mills and Reed as a committee to escort the new Speaker to the chair. In a few moments Mr. Crisp entered, with Mr. Mills and Mr. Reed supporting him on either side, and his march down the aisle was a perfect ovation, the Democrats in mass rising and giving him cheer after cheer, and the Republican members rising also. When quiet had been secured Mr. Crisp said:

Gentlemen of the House of Representatives: For the first time since we have convened here I return heartfelt thanks to all of you for the discharge of the duties of the office of Speaker with courtesy, with firmness and with absolute impartiality. (Applause.) Let us unite in the hope that our labors here may result in the advancement of the prosperity, the peace and the glory of our country. (Applause.) I am now ready to take the oath of office.

The oath of office having been administered by Mr. Holman, of Indiana, the Rev. Dr. Milburn, the blind chaplain of the preceding House, upon request, read the opening prayer.

The work of swearing in the members of the Lth Congress then began, the oath of office being administered by Speaker Crisp.

MINOR OFFICERS CHOSEN.

Mr. Holman then offered a resolution for the appointment of Mr. Kerr for Clerk, Mr. Yoder for Sergeant-at-Arms, Mr. Turner for Doorkeeper, and Mr. Dalton for Postmaster.

Mr. Henderson, of Illinois, offered as a substitute a resolution for the appointment of the present officers, with the exception of Chaplain, for which he named James B. McKeligan of Kentucky.

Without discussion the resolution of Mr. Henderson was agreed to with an amendment offered by Mr. Springer, of Illinois, for the appointment of William H. Milburn as chaplain. The newly-elected officers of the House were then sworn in.

On motion of Mr. McMillin, of Tennessee, a resolution was adopted directing the Clerk to inform the President of the election of Speaker and Clerk.

On motion of Mr. Blount, of Georgia, a resolution was adopted directing the Clerk to inform the President of the election of a committee of three members to join a similar committee on the part of the Senate, to inform the President that a quorum of both Houses was assembled and ready to receive any communication he may see fit to make.

The Speaker appointed Messrs. Blount, Mills and Reed as such committee; but subsequently learned that Mr. Mills would be unable to serve, and appointed Mr. Breckinridge, of Kentucky.

On motion of Mr. Holman, the Clerk was directed to inform the Senate that this House had elected as its Speaker Charles F. Crisp, of Georgia, and as its Clerk William H. Milburn, of Kentucky.

On motion of Mr. Springer, a resolution was adopted directing the Speaker to appoint the Committee on Rules, Accounts, Enrolled Bills and Mileage, to consist of the same number of members as in the Lth Congress and referring to the House of the Lth Congress to the Committee on Rules.

On motion of Mr. Holman, it was ordered that the hour of meeting of the House should be 12 o'clock. On motion of Mr. Outwater, the House then proceeded to the drawing for seats. The House adjourned at 3:30 o'clock.

THE SENATE'S QUIET DAY.

MESSRS. DUBOIS AND CALL TAKE THE OATH, AND THEIR OPPONENTS' CASES ARE REFERRED.

Washington, Dec. 8.—In the Senate, immediately after the reading of the Journal, the call of the officers was administered by Mr. Jones, of Arkansas, re-elected.

Among the Department and other communications presented and referred was the report of the Superintendent of the Census in the matter of the establishment of a permanent Census Bureau, together with the draft of a bill; also the report of the Secretary of the Senate, showing contingent expenditures.

Mr. Sherman remarked that it had been the custom of the Senate not to proceed with the introduction of bills or other business until after the President's message had been received.

Mr. Hoar expressed the opinion, in which the Vice-President concurred, that the first business was the question of administering the oath of office to Mr. Dubois, of Idaho. Mr. Call's motion of yesterday to that effect was put and agreed to; and the oath was accordingly administered to Mr. Dubois. Mr. Hoar's similar motion as to Mr. Call, of Florida, was also agreed to; and the oath was administered to Mr. Call.

On further motion of Mr. Hoar the papers in the matter of the credentials of Mr. Davidson (claimant for Mr. Call's seat) were referred to the Committee on Privileges and Elections, with instructions to investigate.

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